

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Gary Eide presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Kelli Bauman & Lisa Lundberg, Aldermen Carey Holt, Harry Mewherter, & John Keimig. Alderwomen Rose Mack was absent. Also present were Christa Bittner, Brandon Collins, Val Lundquist, Todd Boyd, Marlin Bjerke, Dennis Evenson, Kerry Hintz, Lisa Olerud, Dianne Brandt, Andy Braam, & Ken Reiste. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to approve agenda with the amendment of adding in Surplus Property under other business. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Keimig, seconded Mewherter to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting December 6, 2021 & Year End Special Meeting December 28, 2021. Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending December 31, 2021; Delinquent Water Bills; Approval of Warrants; Approve Temporary Liquor License Applications: Pederberg's: Chili Cook Off, Saturday, February 19, 2022. Temporary One-Day Permits are subject to all paperwork being signed and submitted to the Finance Officer and that the applicants provide the city with proof of liability insurance for the event. Approvals of permits are subject to the condition that they are in accordance with all building codes and ordinances of the City. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL: Council 1356.03; Mayor 461.75; Finance 1735.67; Govt Bldg 189.96; Highway 2221.94; Snow 3336.78; Rubble Site 245.55; Parks 62.84; Library 2155.46; CC 11.52; Water 2572.15; Sewer 2637.66; Aflac 88.53 Supplemental Ins; SD Retirement 2621.10; SD Supp. Retirement 1625.00; Health Pool of SD 8110.85; Delta Dental of SD 388.40; DNB-FICA/WH 4621.77. EXPENSES: A&B Business Solutions 187.50 Copier repair, Appera 114.70 rugs & mops, Bjerke Sanitation 5793.66 garbage fees, Book Systems, Inc. 1190.00 Atrium fees, BDRWS 7580.20 Water, Cartney Bearing 303.60 snow bearing kit, City of CL 540.99 Dec water, CL Building Center 57.52 snow/street supplies, CL Courier 1082.29 library supplies & advertising, CL Chamber of Commerce 170.00 2022 Membership, Connecting Point 92.00 Offsite backup & repairs, Dakota Pump & Control 234.69 Lift station repairs, DC Auditor 5530.87 Police contract, DCFU Oil 2633.49 snow & street supplies, DCN Insurance 909.50 2022 Ambulance Insurance, First Bank & Trust 222.85 Office supplies, HD Electric Coop 143.49 Dec. Electric, HD Elect. Coop Inc 577.35 Lift Station repair, Interlakes Community Action 200.00 ICAP Nutrition transit support, ITC 451.25 phone & internet, J. DeBoer 25.00 Wtr Mtr Dep Refund, J. Madison 120.42 Wtr mtr dep refund, NorthWestern Energy 1341.24 Dec Nat Gas, Ottetail Power Co 4130.02 Dec Power, Overdrive Inc. 600.00 Library software, SD State Treasurer (SD DOR) 420.66 Dec sales tax, SD Trailers Co. 10000.00 Split Deck Tilt Trailer, SD State Treasurer 56.45 Unclaimed Wtr Mtr Deposit, SD Unemployment Insurance 9.18 Q4 Unemployment Insurance, SD Public Assurance Alliance 28972.25 2022 liability & prop insurance, Sensus USA Inc. 1949.94 Wtr mtr reading software, The Library Store Inc. 195.78 Library supplies, US Bank 11716.19 SRF sewer loan payment, USDA 6107.00 USDA sewer loan payment.

No one appeared for public voice.

Dennis Evenson was present to discuss a number of things including the library director's impressive work, economic development, housing, and the hospital ordinance.

Dianne Brandt, Kerry Hintz & Lisa Olerud, representing the All School Reunion Committee, were present to discuss the July events and asked the council for a reduced rate on the community center rental and peddler's permits. They also asked for clarification on a few things with funds available from the city and the fees that are charged.

The Second Reading of Ordinance #612, increasing sewer rates to \$48.15 per month for the City of Clear Lake residents was completed. Motion by Holt, seconded by Mewherter to approve Ordinance #612. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The Second Reading of Ordinance #613, increasing water rates for the City of Clear Lake residents was completed. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Lundberg to approve Ordinance #613, increasing the tap fee rate to \$21.40 per month & increasing the per 1000 gallons rate to \$7.50. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The city snow removal process was discussed and will remain the same.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to approve Salary Resolution 2022-1. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The 2021 City Water Loss was discussed, the city averaged a 25.57% water loss.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to approve the 2022 Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Retail (on-sale) Liquor sales and the Alcoholic Beverages Operating Agreement for Melvee's, subject to all State and local requirements being met and all required documents and payments being submitted to the City Finance Office prior to January 31st. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The council looked at a number of quotes for a new printer/copier for the finance office and decided on going with A&B Business Solutions' offer. Motion by Keimig, seconded by Holt to purchase the Toshiba e-Studio3015 AC and also get the monthly service agreement from A&B. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to declare as surplus the 2021 S66 Bobcat with bucket to be traded in for a 2022 S66 Bobcat with bucket. Other items declared surplus property, having no value or a value less than \$500 and authorize disposal of include: two broken shelves from the library. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

City Superintendent, Collins, informed the council that the jetter body has been switched over to the better truck & they are working on patching the tank holes. He also mentioned the need for a new belt on the street sweeper and got clarification on a semi-tractor and trailer being able to park in the winter months at the former RV spots in the mobile home park.

City Attorney, Boyd, commented on a delinquent water bill account and also informed the council that the dog complaint will not go any further until the neighbor signs the complaint for court.

Finance Officer, Bittner, expressed appreciation for the council members and thanked them for their service to the community.

No comments from the Mayor or Council Members.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to adjourn as regular council and enter into Executive Session at 8:06 PM for legal counsel. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Eide declared the Council out of Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

There being no further business, motion by Holt, seconded by Mewherter to adjourn at 8:35 PM. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Christa Bittner
Finance Officer

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